

REMARKS

Claims 35 to 69 are pending. Claims 1-7, 18 and 29-34 have been canceled. New claims 35 to 69 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, at pages 17, 19 and 56-59 of the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Objection to Claim 31

Claim 31 is objected to for informalities. Claim 31 has been cancelled, thereby obviating this objection.

Rejection of claims 1, 2, 18, 30, 32 and 33 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 18, 30, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as "containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention."

Claims 1, 2, 18, 30, 32 and 33 have been cancelled, thereby obviating this rejection.

Obvious-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 18 is "provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 17-21 of co-pending Application No. 09/579288."

Claim 18 has been cancelled, thereby obviating this rejection. Applicants also note that claims 17-21 of co-pending Application No. 09/579,288 have been cancelled. Therefore, new claims 36-69 are patentable over the 09/579,288 application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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